

**2000 Florida Annual Conference
Special Session**

**October 5, 2000
Morrison United Methodist Church
Leesburg, Florida**

**Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson, Presiding
The Rev. Carmen S. Arnett, Conference Secretary**

PROCEEDINGS

MORNING PRAISE: Special music was provided by "First Light" from First United Methodist Church of St. Petersburg.

CONFERENCE CONVENES: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called the Special Session of Conference to order at 10:30 a.m.

OPENING DEVOTIONAL: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on Dr. Barry Lane, Sr. Pastor of Morrison United Methodist Church, to offer the prayer for the Conference.

MOMENTS OF WITNESS AND TESTIMONY: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on several persons to offer a moment of witness and testimony to the good things that God is doing in their churches and community. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on Rev. Barbara Odom, Pastor of Lakewood United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, to speak about the positive effects which the Celebrate Jesus Mission has brought in her church. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on Rev. Jim Rosenberg, Pastor of George Young Memorial United Methodist Church in Palm Harbor, to speak about the influence of Pumpkin Patch Evangelism in the life of his church and the surrounding community. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on Rev. Jackie McMillan, Pastor of Clearview United Methodist Church in Clearwater, to speak about the difference that the Celebrate Jesus Mission made in her church.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Special music was again provided by "First Light" from First United Methodist Church of St. Petersburg. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson thanked the group for being here today.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE: Carmen S. Arnett, Conference Secretary, placed the following persons into nomination for assisting in the work of the Conference.

NOMINATION FOR SECRETARIAL STAFF: Kenneth L. Minton. The nomination was approved.

NOMINATIONS FOR USHER-TELLERS: Kent Crow, Roger Watts, Joe Jursa, Kirk Dreiser, Margaret Smart, Clark Edwards, Deborah Mak, Jeffery Thomas, Jay Goforth, Ronald DeGenaro, Richard Quackenbush and Scott Bard. The nominations were approved.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL: Donna Kennelly and Dan Parrish. The nominations were approved.

MOTION: Carmen S. Arnett, made a motion that the secretarial staff be authorized to approve and edit the proceeding for this day after the adjournment of Conference and place the minutes on the Conference Web Site and in the 2001 Journal. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE: Carmen S. Arnett, Conference Secretary, moved that the Bar of the Conference be the entire sanctuary of the church.

REGISTRATION: Carmen S. Arnett, Conference Secretary, encouraged those present to register their attendance before they leave.

ORGANIZATION OF THE DAY: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on E. Keith Ewing, Chair of the Program Committee to review the agenda for the Special Conference today. E. Keith Ewing introduced T. Terrel Sessums, Conference Lay Leader. He expressed his joy that Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson had been reassigned to the Florida Annual Conference, and asked for God's continued blessing upon him for the work ahead. The Conference celebrated the news of the Bishop's reappointment. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson thanked the Conference for its support, prayers, and encouragement during the past four years. E. Keith Ewing then guided the Conference through the schedule for the rest of the session. E. Keith Ewing moved the adoption of the agenda as it is printed in the Workbook. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson introduced Bishop J. Lloyd Knox to the Conference. He thanked Bishop Knox for his influence and impact in his life over the years. The Conference received him warmly.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on Robert T. Standifer, President of the Council on Finance and Administration. He addressed some of the issues surrounding the actions that we are going to be taken to day as an Annual Conference. He noted that we should not be ashamed or embarrassed to talk about money. Money is the currency that the church uses to fulfil its mission to make disciples across the Conference and around the world. He noted that CF&A is directly responsible to the Conference. He noted that we are going to have to do some things a little differently in the Conference if we are going to have enough resources to fulfil our mission. He noted that we are stronger financially today than we were at this time last year. He thanked the churches of the Conference for their support of the work of the Conference. But, he commented that we need to do more if we are going to meet all of the needs and challenges that are before the church in this day and age. He also spoke about the need to place some of the accounts and monies of the Conference in different parts of the budget in order to better track expenditures for each of the Conference ministries.

He also spoke about the progress of the search for the position of Conference Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services. He placed the name of Ransom E. Casey-Rutland before the Conference for election. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote. Motion to elect Randy Casey-Rutland as the Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services carried. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on our new Conference Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services to address the Conference. Randy came forward and presented an update on the current financial position of the Conference. Robert T. Standifer, President of the Council on Finance and Administration, asked that the recommendations of CF&A now be brought before the Conference and dealt with one at a time.

Recommendation #1 sets the salaries of the District Superintendents at the current rate of \$70,968. It also sets mileage at the IRS rate of 32.5 cents per mile. There were no questions. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Proposed & Approved

Recommendation No. 1

It is recommended that the 2001 salary of each district superintendent be set at \$70,968, an increase of 0 percent (\$ 0) above the 2000 salary, and that retirement and other benefits be adjusted and paid accordingly.

It is further recommended that each district superintendent be reimbursed for business travel at the IRS allowable rate (for 2000 this is 32.5 cents per mile) and other business expenses. This includes the cost of travel and travel-related expenses incurred in the district, out of the district and for cabinet purposes.

The estimated amount necessary to cover these reimbursed expenses shall be included in the conference budget.

Recommendation #2 sets the travel expenses and per diem rates for persons attending Conference meetings. There were no questions. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Proposed & Approved

Recommendation No. 2

It is recommended that the mileage allowance for all persons traveling by automobile for conference meetings be set at the IRS allowable rate, plus tolls. Actual expenses for travel by other means will be reimbursed up to, but not exceeding, the above mileage rate.

The per diem for conference meetings shall be an amount equal to the cost charged at the Leesburg Life Enrichment Center (for 2001 this is \$20.25 for three meals.) In clearly unusual, hardship situations, the president of the Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A), in consultation with the conference treasurer, will have authority to adjust these amounts. To qualify for per diem and travel expenses, members of the agencies must be present for the entire meeting, unless excused for emergency reasons by the chairperson.

Persons authorized to represent the conference in an official capacity in meetings beyond conference bounds may be reimbursed for actual expenses. Prior approval for such representation must be submitted to the conference treasurer by the group selecting that representative and must include instructions regarding the fund from which payment is to be made. In keeping with the spirit of good stewardship, expenses should be kept to a minimum.

Appreciation is expressed to those involved in conference business who pay all or part of the expenses they incur in the interest of reducing conference expenses.

Conference groups are encouraged to meet only when necessary business is to be accomplished. To further reduce expenses, conference groups are encouraged to schedule their meetings in conjunction with other conference events that members of the group may also be attending.

Recommendation #3 states the policy establishing housing allowance rates for Conference employees. There were no question Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Proposed & Approved

Recommendation No. 3

Housing allowances, when provided to employees of conference institutions and groups, should be based on the prevailing rental rate in the area in which the staff member is located.

Professional staff occupying conference-owned parsonages will be responsible for stewardship of the parsonages in accordance with the Florida Annual Conference Parsonage Guidelines as published in the 1980 Conference Journal, page 331.

Recommendation #4 establishes the Fair Share formula to determine the amounts apportioned to each local Church. Discussion followed. Al McGowan moved to suspend recommendation #4 until we have dealt with recommendations #5 and #6. There was a second. Bob Standifer accepted the motion on behalf of CF&A.

Proposed

Recommendation No. 4

It is recommended that the Fair Share formula be used to determine the apportionment of all budget areas except for Clergy Support (a new apportionment item proposed in recommendation number 5 below).

The Fair share formula is based on the following items reported in the statistical tables compiled by the conference statistician:

Column 43/48.....	Pastor/Associate Salary
Column 38.....	Deacon/Diaconal Compensation
Column 39.....	Staff Compensation
Column 37.....	Current Expenses for Program
Column 40.....	Current Operating Expenses

The total amount spent in each local church on the items in these six columns is divided by the total amount spent on these items for all conference churches. This calculation determines each local church's fair share percentage or "decimal." This decimal is then multiplied by the total amount listed for all areas (except Clergy Support) in the conference budget to determine the amount each local church is asked to give.

Each district is asked to ensure that the total amount of apportionments for the local churches in that district is given to the conference. The district may decide how the apportionments in that district will be given by its churches to achieve 100 percent of that district's total apportionments.

Apportionments should be given in full and on a timely basis. Local churches are encouraged to give 10 percent of each apportionment item per month during the first 10 months of the year.

Recommendation #5 creates a new apportionment entitled Clergy Support, and establishes the Fair Share formula that would be used to determine the amount apportioned to each local Church. Many questions were posed and answered. Clark Campbell-Evans moved to strike the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th paragraphs on page 13, the 1st and 2nd paragraph on page 14, and to strike the words "except for clergy support" from the 1st paragraph of recommendation #4. The motion was seconded. The committee accepted. Clark Campbell-Evans spoke about the impact of the recommendation on the smaller churches of our Conference if it is adopted as it is. Bob Standifer reminded the Conference that this would affect the formula used to calculate apportionments. Tom Norton moved that in recommendation #5 and all subsequent references the word apportionment be replaced by connectional responsibility. Bob Standifer addressed the difficulty in doing this in relation to the language used by the General Church. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson asked to defer this amendment until after the vote on the motion before us. Discussion continued. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the Clark Campbell-Evans motion. The motion carried. Mary Alice Massey asked for clarification of the Standing Rules related to speeches for and against. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson answered the question. Bob Temple asked a question for clarification related to paragraph #1 of recommendation #5. Dan Johnson moved to ask CF&A to consider asking each local church to tithe in order to support the work of the Conference. Motion seconded. John Denmark raised a point of order and moved for a vote on the amendment. Glen Mitchell noted that you cannot make a motion at the end of a speech. The motion made by Dan Johnson was therefore out of order. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson asked Dan Johnson to retract the motion and allow CF&A to look into his suggestion. Recommendation #5 as amended is now before the Conference. Al McGowan called for the question. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson asked for a vote. Motion to call the question carried. Bob Standifer gave a final statement on the recommendation. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation as amended. The recommendation as amended carried.

Approved

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Proposed

Recommendation No. 5

It is recommended that a new apportionment called Clergy Support be established. This apportionment will include funding for identifiable items in the conference budget that benefit active and retired clergy, such as clergy pension, disability and health care; district superintendent salaries, benefits and expenses; and costs related to the administration of our Episcopal area, Board of Pensions and Board of Ordained Ministry.

It is further recommended that the Clergy Support apportionment for each church be determined according to a separate calculation from the one used for fair share apportionment items (as defined in recommendation 4).

The Clergy Support apportionment will be determined in two ways. First, it is recommended that 46.091 percent of this apportionment be calculated using the fair share decimal (as defined in recommendation 4). All churches will be asked to give this amount to cover the cost of items from which all churches benefit, such as district superintendent salaries and benefits, Board of Ordained ministry and administration of our Episcopal area.

Second, only churches that have at least one full-time clergy person (and thus provide such clergy benefits as health insurance and retirement) will be asked to share in giving the remaining 53.909 percent of this apportionment. The formula for calculating the portion of this percentage that each church is asked to give is based on the salary churches pay their clergy (each pastor's and associate pastor's annual salary).

Both the 46.091 and 53.909 percentages are based on the portions of the total clergy support budget area related to both clergy benefits and other clergy support items (see proposed budget line items).

It is further recommended that any Clergy Support apportionment not given by a church during the year be carried forward into the next year and added to that church's apportionment for Clergy Support.

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Proposed

Recommendation No. 6

It is recommended that the conference no longer provide a subsidy to local churches for the cost of health insurance for active clergy beginning Jan. 1, 2001. Instead, the conference is expecting churches to pay 100 percent of that cost through monthly health insurance bills. Every church will be required to participate in the conference health insurance program for each appointed full-time clergy on staff and pay a blended rate that is based on all premiums for base plans.

Recommendation #6 abolishes the Conference subsidy to each local Church for the cost of health insurance for active clergy beginning January 1, 2001. Each local church will pay 100% of this cost. Further, each local church must participate in the Conference health insurance program. Bob Standifer called on Glen Mitchell and David Dodge to come and offer some background information on this

recommendation and explain some of the provisions of the recommendation. Bill Turner moved to amend recommendation #5. David Dodge spoke against the motion because of the mandatory participation clause of our Healthflex Master Document. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion to amend. Motion to amend failed. Eloise Nennon moved that churches that have clergy who are 65 and over should be given the reduced rate offered by Medicare. The amendment was seconded. David Dodge noted that a change to our Healthflex Master Document would have to be altered to allow this. Dan Campbell asked a question related to this policy on deacons. David Dodge offered a change of terminology to answer this question. Eloise Nennon withdrew her motion at this time with the understanding that it be considered by the Insurance Committee. Much discussion followed. Bob Standifer called on Rod McClarren, Chair of the Board of Pensions, to give the final word on the recommendation. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Approved

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Re-visitation of Recommendation #4. Bob Standifer reminded the Conference of the correction made to the recommendation by a previous motion. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Proposed

Recommendation No. 7

It is recommended that the conference follow the prior recommendations of the Florida Conference Cabinet and the Conference Council on Ministries (CCOM) to dispose of the Florida Conference Print Shop in an orderly and appropriate fashion. This recommendation is being made after careful study of the profitability of the Print Shop, as requested by the May/June Dare to Share Jesus 2000 Florida Annual Conference Event, and in lieu of adding an additional \$200,000 to the 2001 budget to cover anticipated Print Shop expenses, such as printing equipment improvements, computer hardware and software upgrades, an operating subsidy, staffing realignment, and other costs.

Recommendation #7 proposes the discontinuance of the Florida Conference Print Shop. Ron Thomas asked a question related to the specifics of the cost analysis done on the Print Shop. Glenn Mitchell answered the inquiry. Don Heishman addressed some of the questions and concerns related to the costs of operating the Print Shop. Ron Thomas moved that a team of informed lay and clergy persons be assembled by the Bishop to study the work of the print shop and compile the figures for past years, and that \$25,000 be added to the budget to address these concerns and a report to be brought back to the Annual Conference. Much discussion followed. Frank Furman moved to call the question. Motion to call the question carried. Ron Thomas gave the final word on the motion. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried.

Approved

Recommendation No. 7

A team of informed lay and clergy persons be assembled by the Bishop to study the work of the print shop and compile the figures for past years, and that \$25,000 be added to the budget to address these concerns and a report to be brought back to the Annual Conference.

Proposed & Approved

Recommendation No. 8

It is recommended that any expenditure of funds will be in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Discipline and the Standing Rules of the Florida Annual Conference. No groups will obligate conference funds in excess of the anticipated income for its budget. Amendments to a budget to accommodate pressing needs must be proposed to CF&A for consideration within the context of available funds and other conference priorities. See particularly Standing Rule VII.C and IX.E.

Recommendation #8 reaffirms the provisions of the Book of Discipline and the Standing Rules of the Florida Annual Conference regarding expenditures of Conference funds in excess of the anticipated income for its budget. There were no questions. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Proposed & Approved

Recommendation No. 9

It is recommended that the Christian Education Sunday offering be designated for the work of Christian Education in each district and that the district Council on Ministries or comparable agency administer the funds raised in each district.

Recommendation #9 directs the Christian Education Sunday offering to be designated for the work of Christian Education in each district. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Proposed & Approved

Recommendation No. 10

It is recommended that the conference no longer include an amount of \$100,000 for Barnett Lodge renovation costs as a Debt Service line item in the 2001 budget of the Conference Service and Administration. It is anticipated that payments for the renovation of Barnett Lodge will be paid in full by the end of 2000.

It is further recommended that the conference include a line item providing \$250,000 for current and future capital improvements. Authorization to spend these funds will be made jointly by CF&A and conference trustees. Any funds not spent during the conference year will be carried forward in a designated fund for this same purpose.

Recommendation #10 discontinues the amount placed in the budget for the renovation of Barnett Lodge. The renovation costs will be paid in full by the end of 2000. It also places a \$250,000 in the budget for a reserve capital fund. Leland McKown asked a few questions about monies still available from the Claim The Flame Campaign. Bob Bledsoe answered some of the questions. Dave Holson moved that the 2nd paragraph be deleted in its entirety. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. The motion failed. Ivan Corbin asked several questions. Jim Rosenberg asked a question related to the monies associated with the Barnett Lodge. Clyde Eldridge moved to change the amount from \$250,000 to \$100,000. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. Motion failed. Clyde Eldridge moved to authorize that any funds under \$25,000 will be made jointly by CF&A and the Trustees and that any amount of \$25,000 and above be made by the Annual Conference. Motion made to call the question. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote to call the question. Motion carried. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. Motion failed. Carl Roundtree asked about any limit that may be on the designated fund listed in paragraph 2 of the recommendation. Carl Roundtree moved that a cap of \$250,000 be put on this designated fund. Bill Walker spoke about the hardships that this cap would cost. Frank Furman spoke about the importance of a reserve fund for our Conference at this time. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. The motion failed. Motion made to call the question on the recommendation. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for vote. Motion carried. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

Proposed & Failed

Recommendation No. 11

It is recommended that a substantial portion of the expenses of the 2001 Florida Annual Conference Event be offset by a registration fee that lay and clerical delegates will be asked to pay. By charging this fee, delegates would bear a significant portion of the cost of holding the event. At this time, the estimated fee would be no larger than \$50 per delegate. All delegates would be expected to pay this registration fee, but no church or delegate would be denied representation for failure to pay.

Recommendation #11 establishes a registration fee for all clergy and lay delegates to Annual Conference. Jack Stewart made an amendment to remove ..but no church...to end. Nora from Coral Springs, spoke for the recommendation and moved that visitors and non-delegates would be charged an admission fee to the Conference fee. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion to amend. The motion to amend failed. John Denmark spoke against the recommendation and moved to insert the word "voluntary" before the word "registration" on line 2, and to strike the last sentence. Motion to call the question made. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote to call the question. John Denmark gave the last word on the amendment. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment failed. Motion made to call the question to the recommendation. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote to call the question. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation failed.

Proposed

Recommendation No. 12

It is recommended that all groups receiving funds through the conference budget meet to prepare their budget requests and submit them to the conference treasurer prior to June 1, 2001 (or prior to Feb. 1, 2001 if recommendation No. 13 is not approved), unless an exception is made by the CF&A executive committee. Groups that have designated or other funds available to them will provide that information when submitting their budget requests.

Each group's budget will include an explanation of each line item and justification for the amounts requested. The proposed budget must show the signature of the chairperson or secretary of the group and the date of the group's budget planning meeting. All budget requests shall be consistent with the conference standing rule (VII.D) pertaining to zero-based budgeting.

The CCOM, Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, and Committee on New Church Development and Redevelopment will submit their budget proposals to CF&A for inclusion in the conference budget.

Recommendation #12 sets the deadline dates for groups requesting Conference funding to submit their requests to the Conference Treasurer. Richard Albury asked about the order of recommendations #12 and #13. Bob Standifer deferred this recommendation until the vote on recommendation #13.

Approved

Recommendation No. 12

It is recommended that all groups receiving funds through the conference budget meet to prepare their budget requests and submit them to the conference treasurer prior to February 1, 2001, unless an exception is made by the CF&A executive committee. Groups that have designated or other funds available to them will provide that information when submitting their budget requests.

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Proposed & Failed

Recommendation No. 13

It is recommended that a special one-day session of the Florida Annual Conference be held in the fall of 2001 at a central location (exact date and location to be announced). The purpose of this one-day session would be to approve the 2002 budget and to consider budget related issues.

Recommendation #13 calls for a special one-day session of the Florida Annual Conference be held in the fall of 2001 to approve the 2002 budget and budget-related requests. Frank Segars asked CF&A to study the change of their fiscal year in order to get the business of the Conference completed in one session. Motion made to call the question. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote to call the question. Motion carried. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the recommendation. The recommendation failed.

Revisitation of recommendation #12. Bob Standifer reminded the delegates that the date for submission is February 1, 2001. June Johns recommended a return to the way that the budget process has worked in the past due to its convenience and simplicity. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for the vote on the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

ADOPTING THE 2001 BUDGET: Bob Standifer now placed the budget before the Conference with the changes that have been directed by action today. Gil Fonger proposed amendments to the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry Budget. It has been accepted by CF&A. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for vote on the motion to amend. The motion carried. June Johns asked that line items 14 & 15 be adjusted as to placement in the budget to better reflect their use. It is accepted by CF&A. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried. Jim Rosenberg addressed the \$450,000 line item on page 9 and moved to strike it from the budget. Motion seconded. Discussion on the motion ensued. Gary Spencer asked a question related to the intention of CF&A to devise a plan to get the Conference out of debt and to spend within our means. Motion made to call for the question. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote to call the question. Motion carried. Jim Rosenberg gave closing thoughts on his motion. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried. The budget was placed before the Conference for discussion. Tom McClosky asked for clarification on costs related to Annual Conference. Ivan Corbin asked about reduction of costs related to the high costs of the Lakeland Center. E. Keith Ewing spoke to this issue. It was reported that the Civic Center cost is \$26,435.44 and the sound/electronic equipment cost is \$28,752.68 for a total of over \$50,000. Motion to call the question was made. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote to call the question. Motion carried. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called for a vote to approve the 2001 Budget with the approved changes. Motion carried. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on Bob Standifer, Randy Rutland-Casey, and all of the members of CF&A forward that the Conference might thank them for their hard work. The Conference thanked them enthusiastically. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson thanked them for their hard work. Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson also thanked E. Keith Ewing for his work in making this special Conference a great success.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS: Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson called on Bishop J. Lloyd Knox to offer the closing prayer. The Conference was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.